

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION

Thursday Dec. 4, 2014

Green County – Green County Courthouse Board Room – Monroe WI

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wiegel and Wolfe of Lafayette County, Koopmans, Kubly and Fiduccia of Green County, DeLain of Iowa County, and Tom Jean and Deb Krahenbuhl, trail coordinators. Larry Ludlum was excused.

Mr. Heimann asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom Jean verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Heimann declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion by Wolfe and second by Kubly to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion by Koopmans and second by Wiegel to approve the Oct. 23rd minutes. Motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail.

Tom has been working with Annie from the DNR to complete an audit of our maintenance records that have been submitted. The maintenance contractors need to do a better job of completing the necessary forms in order to receive all of the grant funding that we are entitled to.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail.

Lee and Jeff have both completed grading, mowing and general maintenance work to their respective portions of the trail. \$11-12,000 worth of work was put down from the Green County Line to the bridge east of South Wayne and also from South Wayne to the sewer plant. Everyone feels that the trails are in pretty good shape going into the winter.

Bob Voegeli reported that Jeff is concerned about a log jam near the steel bridge in Browntown. We'll have to look at it.

Bob also read a request from Jeff to take over more trail maintenance near South Wayne or Gratiot. Following some discussion, the committee felt that as of right now, they would leave the trail maintenance as is unless the clubs decide otherwise.

The log jam on bridge #31 just to the west of Larse Road has been cleared out by the Gratiot Sportsmans Club and Kojak Excavating. The invoice from Kojak is \$1,300.00 and we think there is money available from the River Alliance group to pay for some of the clean up. We will look into how much the bill is and talk with the Gratiot Sportsman Club and come back next month with a better understanding of what is the fairest way of sharing the cost of this much needed project.

A Stop sign at the intersection of the trail at Sargent and Larse Road needs to be replaced.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs

A question came up at the last meeting regarding the Calamine Pavillion and whether the permit that was issued at the time of construction, required tables to be moved out of flood plain during the winter and also whether the electrical facilities were in compliance. Tom went to the zoning administrator and acquired a copy of the permit and it looks like everything is in compliance with the permit. No further action was required.

There was also a question of whether there should be signage placed that shows the trail closed during deer season. Someone reported that there was a family walking the trail this past deer season and weren't wearing blaze orange. It has never been an issue in the past and it was the committee's feeling that this was an isolated incident and no action is necessary.

Legislative Update:

Rob McConnell reported that this past year there was over \$4 million worth of trail funds requested statewide. The State ATV Association has a meeting coming up with the DNR and hope to request more funding in the coming budget, whether it comes in the form of increased registration or just more DNR budget money from other sources. Rob also reported that in 2014 there was 25 ATV fatalities in the State. This is 1 more than last year and is prompting a change in the design standards of the UTV's.

Public comment: None

Fencing Request: None.

Status of Funds and approval of vouchers.

Vouchers presented for approval included : Ivey Construction - \$5,611.49 (fines), Bard Materials - \$5,618.13 (fines), and a credit memo from Bard for a bill that was already paid in the amount of \$1,699.96. A motion to approve the vouchers and status of funds was made by Wolfe, seconded by Wiegel and the motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 PM on Thursday January 22, 2015 at the Lafayette County Courthouse in Darlington.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Wiegel to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted 1/22/15 TRJ